

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

John Forwood's house, in the 1798 Federal Tax List, is described as a one story dwelling with a 31x12 stone section and a 21x18 feet wood section. An assessment for the 1814 tax list has not been found yet.

The present house bears the influence of both the Georgian and Federal Styles.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Spittle craft

AND/OR COMMON

"Miller's House"

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

3023 Ady Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill, Md.

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith Walters

Telephone #: 838-4081

STREET & NUMBER

3023 Ady Road

CITY, TOWN

Forest Hill

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21050

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: 937
Folio #: 342

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED	very little	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This large house, residence of the owner of Walter's Mill, is situated east of the mill. It is back off Ady Road. Deer Creek intersects the property to the north. The dwelling originally faced east but now the west entrance is considered the front, and formal gardens are present on this, the road, side.

The two story house is painted white and is brick laid in the common bond pattern. The roof is covered with slate and is gable flank. The house is set on rubble stone foundations having a "dressed" stone facade. It is built into a slight hill and the foundations are, therefore, higher on one side (the north side). The house is in two sections.

Section 1 is 3 bays by two. Wide corbeled brick chimneys are on each inside gable end. These are flanked by attic windows: 2/2 on the south side, 1/1 on the north side. There are brick cornices present and the windows and doors have flat lintel, jack arches. Iron rods or braces run east-west through the walls on the south east end. The entrances on east and west sides form a through hall in the center bay. The entrance on the east side has stone steps and is protected by a gable front hood. Tracery patterned transom and sidelights accent this door. The door is pegged. Windows through-out this section are 6 lights over 6. The louvered shutters appear to be replacements. On the west side, a one bay entrance porch is located in the center bay. It has plain columns and a flat roof with railings. The doorway has a "broken pediment."

Inside, this section is two rooms deep having a center through hall with two rooms on either side of the hall. A 12 inch retaining wall running north-south divides this section into rooms. The stairway is located in the north west corner of the hall and faces east. Both the hand rail and newel post are pegged. The stairway is rounded. All but one room, located on the north west, have fireplaces. The fireplaces have been plugged up in the chimney chute. They have plain, wooden mantles, rectangular openings, and various decorative, moulded trim. A large, elliptical arched doorway between the south east and south west rooms has wooden pegs and moulded panels. The transom repeats the tracery pattern of the leaded glass transom and sidelights of the east entrance. There are two moulded panel doors. The large archway in the hall has moulded panels and fluted trim. A closet in the north east corner of the north east room has double hung doors with 3 moulded panels on each. A smaller closet directly beneath has two moulded panels, one on each door. Floors in this section have been replaced. The owner cut and laid the floor himself, using wood from trees on his property and following the original floor board measurements as closely as possible. Chair rails are present in all rooms of this section.

In the attic of this section, the construction of the chimney/flue system is visible. This forms an inverted "Y" with the chimney servicing two flues.

Section 2 is 2 bays by 2. It has a corbeled brick chimney on the north inside gable end. This originally served a large brick cooking fireplace which has been removed. Windows are 1 light over 1 and these also have louvered shutters. Entrances are located on the east in the south east bay and on the west in the south west bay. A one story, shed roofed porch is located on the on the east side. It has four chamfered columns. The porch is built onto a stone base and entrance to the cellar is gained through an opening on the north side. On the west side is an enclosed porch with aluminum siding. It runs the length of the section and is built onto a stone base.

The cellar under the house has dirt floors and low ceilings. Large fireplace supports are present.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegant old home was built in 1811. A letter, written to the Bel Air Democrat circa 1895, was found among the papers of Miss Sarah Forwood and is now a part of the Historical Society of Harford County's papers. It indicates that a Dr. A.K. Warner of Chicago, a relative of the Forwood's, had visited the house many years before the actual writing of the letter. In this letter, written to Dr. William Stump Forwood, Dr. Warner states that the owner's sixty slaves made the brick out of which the house was constructed. In the letter it is mentioned that the bricks still maintain their "bright red color." It can therefore be assumed that the house had remained unpainted for many years.

Also among the same files is an application for membership in the Harford Historical Society filled out by Samuel Forwood, the son of John Forwood. It is dated February 12, 1888. Samuel Forwood writes in this application that his father, John Forwood, was born in Brandywine Hundred, New Castle, Delaware on April 1, 1762. John married his first cousin, Hannah Forwood, the daughter of his uncle, Samuel. John and Hannah's son, Samuel, was born on May 7, 1799. He was one of fourteen children.

Samuel Forwood writes that "At my early life, teachers were of a common order, and called "Old Field Quakers" - when about six years old I was sent to school." Locations of places used as schools included "Union Cross Roads, Trap, Boarman's, Forwood's, Pyle's, and Mrs. Smithson's."

Mr. Forwood mentioned that many of his family were Methodists and some are buried at Watters Church.

He has this to say about his father - "My father was a very prominent politician, and was for a long time, Justice of the Peace. For about 17 years, he was a member of the legislature. He was, a portion of the time, one of the Governor's Council; administrator of several estates, and president of the Conwingo Bridge Company. He was also guardian for several orphan children, and always had crowds of prominent men visiting him on public business.

"My father was president of a Stage Company that ran from Baltimore to West Chester, Pennsylvania. There was a stopping place at his house, and a change of stage horses and drivers. John Carr and Stephen Rigdon were the stage drivers. Carr was one of the best teamsters I ever met with."

In Preston's History of Harford County, it is mentioned that John Forwood served as a member of the House of Delegates during the following terms: 1806, 1807, 1808, 1811, 1819. Mr. Forwood was also a trustee of the Harford County Academy.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Preston, Walter W., History of Harford County, Press of the Sun Book Office, Baltimore, 1901. 1814 Tax List
1798 Tax List
Wright, C. Milton; Our Harford Heritage, French Bray Press, Baltimore, 1967.
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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

The house is included in a two acre lot. The entire farms consists of 158 acres.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property is bounded on the north by Deer Creek. Ady Road intersects the property. Saint Omar Branch appears to be its eastern boundary.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Susan M. Deeney, Field Historian

November 4, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

838-6000 ext. 207

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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TITLE SEARCH
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Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith Walters
3023 Ady Road
Forest Hill, Maryland 21050

937 342 7/27/73 Grantor: Nellie K. Walter, widow.
Grantee: H. Smith Walters and upon his death to Barbara W. Holloway
Acreage: 5 tracts of land, one tract being the tract on which the house stands, consisting of 16 acres. His mother retained interest in the two acres improved by her residence and the yards surrounding.

JAR 153 497 12/2/16 Grantor: Thomas M. Allibone and wife
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter

DGW 203 152 4/11/27 Grantor: Meyer H. Getz
Grantee: Charles H. and Nellie K. Walter
Acreage: "All that farm or parcel of land composed of tracts or parts of tracts called "Adventure Resurveyed", William's Abode, and William's Discovery...158 acres.

JAR 134 400 1/8/12 Grantor: Emma F. Allibone, trustee, and others
Grantee: Thomas M. Allibone

WSR 9 118 6/19/1876 Grantor: Last Will and Testament of Thomas Allibone,
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis was named trustee for the real estate for the use of Allibone's wife's use, Emma L., and his daughters, Emma F., Susan C., Maria L., and Lucy B.

Emma Allibone died on 11/12/1878, her trustee, Edward M. Paxson executed deed to Henry Farnandis. Farnandis died on 3/8/1900, his share went to his daughters.

WSF 99 496 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee
Grantee: Henry D. Farnandis

WSF 100 7 Grantor: Edward M. Paxson, trustee
Grantee: Bessie D. Farnandis, Annie Munnikhysen Wakeman

1. WG 11 388 5/22/1860 Grantor: William B. Bond
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson
Acreage: 150 acres in the fifth district

HD 29 25 10/4/1843 Grantor: Henry D. Farnandis
Grantee: William B. Bond
Acreage: This is 150 acres but excludes "what lies east of the Public road leading from the new bridge over Deer Creek at Forwood's Old Place by Miskimmon's Shop toward Mrs. Elizabeth Brown's."

2. ALJ 20 355 3/23/1868 Grantor: John W. Garrett, trustee for the estate of James Wilks
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson
Acreage: 18 acres in the 3rd District.
All the land lying on the north of a straight line drawn from the point of intersection of the County road leading from Hickory to Mill Green with the division line between the lands of John C. Forwood and Juliann

Forwood as established by the will of John Forwood.

3. ALJ 23 142 11/16/1869

Grantor: Jonathan Warner
Grantee: Edward M. Paxson

ALJ 6 14 4/18/1855

Grantor: William Warner
Grantee: Jonathan Warner
Purchased at a sale made by Henry D. Farnandis, trustee on 7/18/1843. Sold because of an equity case.

HD 5 77 3/18/1841

Equity : Otho Scott, use of Benjamin Boarman, complainant
John C. Forwood, defendant.

HD 18 380 1935

Grantor: In September of 1835, John C. Forwood owed \$1,000 to
Grantee: Boarman. To settle this debt he conveyed to the complainant all the lands devised to him, John C., by his father, John. This consisted of 350 acres. He also sold the lands devised by his father, John, to Samuel Forwood, which in turn, Samuel Forwood devised to his nephew, John C. Forwood. This consisted of 312 acres.

Farnandis broke the property up into smaller parcels for sale. The property purchased by William Warner was the second parcel sold.

TSB 5 187 5/15/1834

Grantor: Last Will and Testament of John Forwood
Grantee: John C. Forwood, his son
Acreage: "all that part of my farm whereon they and I now live which lies on the south side of said creek..."

ALJ F 343 4/12/1785

Grantor: Samuel Forwood
Grantee: John Forwood
Acreage: Forwood's Purchase which borders on Colgate's Contrivance and consists of 45 acres. Samuel received this land through Patent on 6/8/1761.

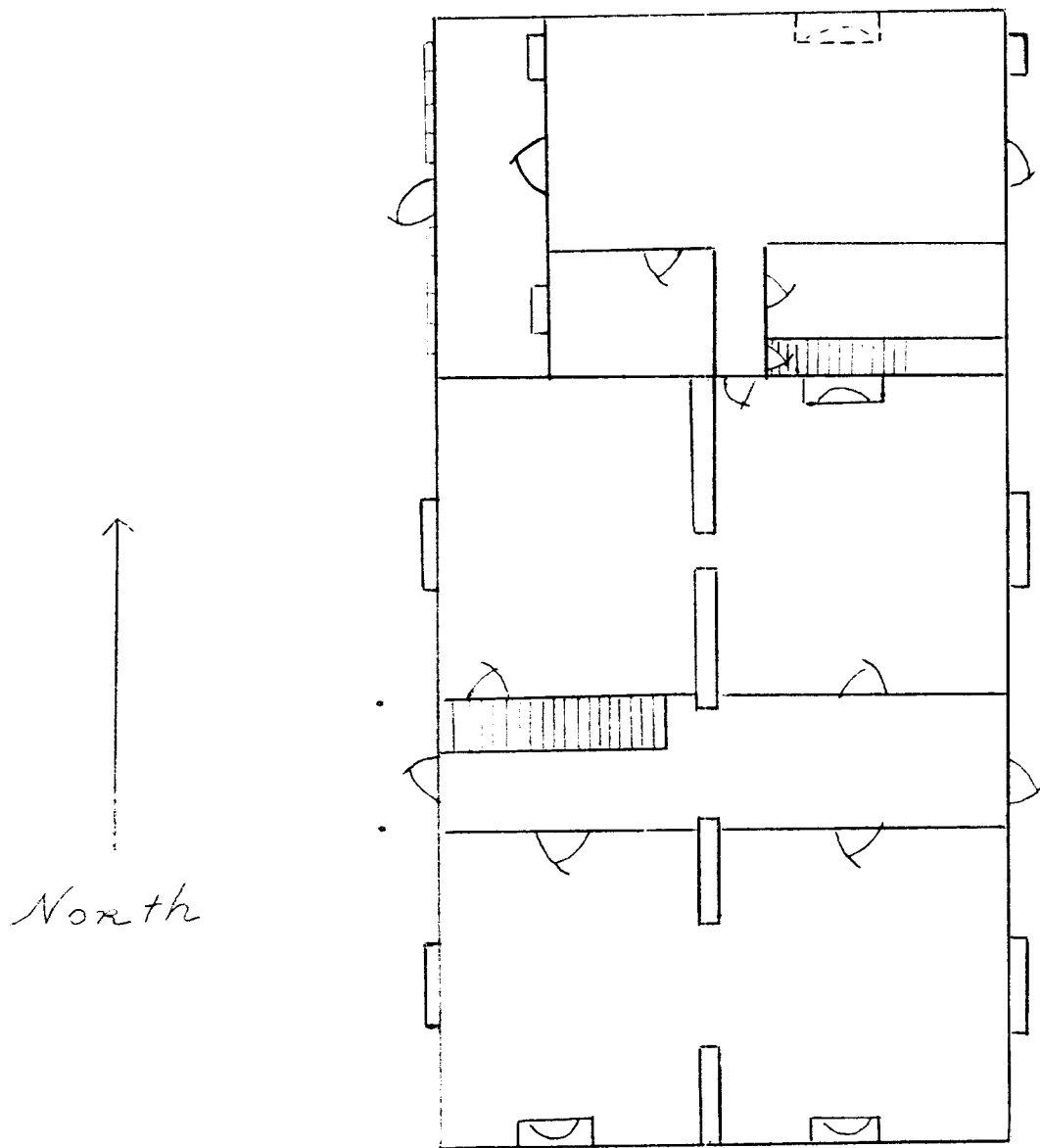
JLG A 356 4/26/1777

Grantor: This was a deed partition for the lands jointly owned
Grantee: by Samuel and John Forwood. Basically the lands were divided in such a way that Samuel would own the west side of the property and John would own the east side.

AL 1 384 11/12/1774

Grantor: Samuel Forwood
Grantee: John Forwood
This was an Arbitration... "a dispute concerning some land laid out for a mill seat by Daniel Preston by and with consent of the said parties and also all other disputes concerning the division of all lands by them jointly purchased."
It seems that the Mill Seat "by Green Spring Run containing 22 1/2 acres" and the lands which they "now possess and dwell on" would be equally divided with the west side going to Samuel and the east to John.

Samuel and John Forwood received their land from Benjamin and Charity Colgate on 6/11/1752. The land conveyed to the Forwoods included the following: 110 acres Maiden's Meadow, 26 acres St. Omar's, 100 acres Colgate's Contrivance, 25 acres. Colgate's Addition.



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Forest Hill, MD
Paul Penrod 9/76
East